

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for Monday, February 10, 2025 through Monday, February 17, 2025.

MONDAY02/10/25¹**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Steward Luis Jauregui was available to adjudicate any issues and oversee entries for the Sunday card (10 races).

TUESDAY02/11/25¹**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Again, Mr. Jauregui was present to resolve any concerns that might arise during the morning work hours. The Monday card was drawn at 12:15 pm (10 races).

THURSDAY02/13/25¹**PAEZ HEARING CASE**

Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent Isidro R. Paez and Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr., representing the CHRB.

The CHRB complaint read as follows:

On December 28, 2024, CHRB Investigators contacted the Groom Isidro Paez at Santa Anita's Holding barn and requested for him to submit a urine sample for testing. Paez left the property without providing CHRB Investigator's a urine sample. Paez failed to abide by the terms of his CHRB testing agreement that he signed and agreed to on April 27, 2024, and was suspended on December 29, 2024, ruling # LATS011.

Mr. Paez stated he was unable to test when ordered to do so because he had to catch the horse van (his ride home) back to Los Alamitos. During the trip a horse stepped on his foot (not sure of the significance of this testimony) and he was without his telephone until he reached his destination. Thus, he stated he was unable to contact the investigators to test, even though the Los Alamitos Investigators were

available at the time of his arrival at Los Alamitos. This refusal is considered a positive per the CHRB "Agreement to Test" that he had previously signed, making this his second positive within a year. Mr. Paez submitted a urine sample today that tested negative. Decision to follow.

02/13/25²

AGARIE HEARING CASE 24SA0135

Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent Ricky Agarie and representing the CHRB, Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama.

The CHRB complaint read as follows:

On September 26, 2024, CHRB Investigator Vittorio Racowski spoke with Mr. Kevin Castillo of State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF), who advised that Trainer Ricardo Agarie had a workers compensation insurance policy that began April 22, 2021; however, the policy was cancelled January 24, 2024, for "Failure to pay premium when due." SCIF has not received any payments from Trainer Agarie, to date. Subsequent to the insurance policy cancellation, Trainer Agarie entered SOUL SWEET (Jockey Santiago Gonzalez #316319, Exp. 7/2026 and Owner Michael Macy #267846, Exp. 3/2025) in Race 2 at Santa Anita Park on February 24, 2024, which finished second place. Trainer Agarie also entered POLIS (Jockey Santiago Gonzalez and Owner Ricardo Agarie) in Race 4 at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2024, which finished seventh place. CHRB Rule 1501 states in part, "Should any such required security for liability for worker's compensation be cancelled or terminated, any license held by such person shall be automatically suspended and shall be grounds for revocation of the license;" therefore, Trainer Agarie would have been ineligible to enter a horse in either race.

Testimony was given, documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

02/13/25³

GAINES HEARING CASE 24SA0161

Present for the hearing before the BOS was Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama to represent the CHRB; however, trainer Carla Gaines failed to appear.

When the Stewards contacted her well past her slated time, she stated she forgot about the scheduled hearing. The hearing will go forward tomorrow at 9:00 am.

FRIDAY

02/14/25¹

RESCHEDULED GAINES HEARING CASE 24SA0161 (ref 02/13/25³)

Again, the same BOS and CHRB Investigator were present and waited for respondent trainer Carla Gaines to appear for the complaint filed against her. She did appear at 8:55 ready for the hearing to start at 9:00. Grant Baker chaired the hearing.

The complaint read as follows;

A review conducted at the end of November 2024 showed Trainer Carla Gaines had recorded seven (7) timed workouts at Santa Anita Park on November 14, 2024, without a corresponding clearance by an attending veterinarian. The clocker at Santa Anita Park received a photo of her set list from Trainer Gaines via text message at 6:30 AM that day, which stated each of the seven horses were scheduled to breeze 2 furlongs. The recorded times for each of the workouts was at

a pace faster than 30-seconds for the quarter mile. Trainer Gaines said the exercise riders were instructed to gallop the horses at a "two-minute-lick" pace; however, the exercise riders either breezed faster than she had directed, or the horses got away from the riders because they were 2-year-olds.

Ms. Gaines testified that although she did text the B¼ [sic] mile distance on seven different horses to the clocker on the morning in question, the exercise riders were only supposed to do a two-minute lick (15 seconds per furlongs). The horses traveled the distance of ¼ mile between 22.80 up to 26.20 that were verified on the workout tab. Decision to follow.

02/14/25²

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY MEETING

Attending: CHRB Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea, Santa Anita Senior Vice President/General Manager Nate Newby, Santa Anita Director of Racing/Racing Secretary Jason Eagan, CHRB Safety Steward Paul Atkinson; via telephone: Santa Anita Track Superintendent Rob Moore, CTT President Eoin Harty and Western Regional Jockey Guild Manager Darrell Haire. The race track condition was discussed and questions were asked and answered to everyone's satisfaction

02/14/25³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SIXTH RACE 1 mile - dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the first turn that involved #3 Varney (J. Hernandez DNF). After a review of the available video angles, in a unanimous opinion there were no other horses involved in the incident that caused #3 to be pulled up and the race was made official.

02/14/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes; Refund \$366.54
 2nd Race No Changes; Refund \$124.54
 3rd Race #3 Just Is (Tr. E. Alvarez) Veterinarian-injured- Dr. Deluhery
 #6 Ace Ace Baby (Tr. S. Calvario) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
 #7 Open Soul Autism (Tr. R. Alvarado) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$1,417.12
 4th Race No Changes; Refund \$144.00
 5th Race #6 Eyclight (Tr. D. Markle) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$524.60
 6th Race #3 Varney (B. Baffert) DNF
 7th Race #5 Clouseau (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed by Tr. O. J. Jauregui
 8th Race No Changes; Refund \$0.00

02/14/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,481	366,225.21
SCOTWINC	2,210	794,482.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	3,129,481.35
TOTAL	4,691	4,290,189.46

SATURDAY

02/15/25¹

ROUTINE MORNING

The usual morning matters were addressed without controversy. Scratch Steward Luis Jauregui handled all late declarations and any additional changes to the published program.

02/15/25²

SMOOTH SAILING

The ten-race card was performed without a ripple. Changes made are listed below.

02/15/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Running Spartan (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$1,803.19
- 2nd Race No Changes; Refund \$0.00
- 3rd Race #5 Stellar Cap (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. G. Stute Refund \$110.42
- 4th Race No Changes; Refund \$262.00
- 5th Race #1 Western Freedom (Tr. B. Koriner) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
#3 Pio Nono (Tr. V. Cerin) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
#6 Falcon Wings (Tr. A. Vega) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$4,072.77
- 6th Race #1 Elegant Sway (Tr. V. Trujillo) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis
#2 Annie's Joy (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio Refund \$392.00
- 7th Race #1 Big City Lights (Tr. R. Mandella) Stewards-stake Refund \$6,272.22
- 8th Race #2 Comeback Girl (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards-turf condition
#7 Cloudy Woman (Tr. J. Sadler) Stewards-turf condition Refund \$ 1,472.87
- 9th Race No Changes; Refund \$165.00
- 10th Race #3 Owl (Tr. N. Drysdale) Stewards-turf condition Refund \$945.81

02/15/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,196	1,057,585.00
SCOTWINC	3,835	1,576,586.98
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,377,471.42
TOTAL	11,031	8,011,643.40

SUNDAY

02/16/25¹

PAEZ RULING (ref 02-13-25¹)

The following ruling was issued after the BOS deliberated the penalty.

LATS RULING #39

Having now appeared for a hearing on February 13, 2025, Groom ISIDRO R. PAEZ failed to abide by the terms of a signed CHRB Testing Agreement and remains suspended for ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY (120) days (February 17, 2025 to June 16, 2025) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Second Offense) which includes the violation of CHRB Testing Agreement, at Santa Anita Park on December 28, 2024 (LATS #035).

Furthermore, ISIDRO R. PAEZ must be reevaluated by the Winners Foundation and abide by the terms set by their recommendations.

During the terms of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ISIDRO R. PAEZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine) ISIDRO R. PAEZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

02/16/25²

AGARIE RULING (ref 02-13-25²)

The following ruling was issued following a majority opinion in favor of the penalty listed in the ruling. Steward Sawyer voted for a dismissal, as a previous complaint covering the identical violation during the same timeline was heard at Los Alamitos Race Course. It also included the same horses listed in this current complaint and resulted in a penalty (ref: LAQL #179). Therefore, Steward Sawyer believed that the complaint had already been adjudicated.

LATS RULING #40

Trainer RICARDO J. AGAIRE is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1501 (Workers Compensation Insurance Required).

02/16/25³

STEWARDS' REVIEW /SIXTH RACE - 5 1/2 - dirt

After the running of the race the Stewards posted the Stewards' Review graphic to look at the start of #2 Uncle Dusan (E. R. Fernandez 8th). After watching the videos, in a unanimous decision, the horse caused its own issues, no need for an inquiry and the race was made official.

02/16/25⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination of #5 Not My Rodeo (6th race) by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The claim was voided and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Cliff DeLima.

02/16/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #6 My Box of Light (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. J. Herrick
Refund \$340.30

2nd Race No Changes; Refund \$125.00

3rd Race #4 Activated (IRE) (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$1,644.36

4th Race #3 Pondergating (Tr. F. Rodan) Veterinarian-injured-post parade-Dr. Deluhery
#7 Morning Addiction (Tr. B. McLean) claimed by Tr. J. Sierra
Refund \$20,862.32

5th Race #5 Turn On The Jets (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
#7 Elwood Blues (Tr. B. Baffert) Stewards-gelding.
Refund \$12,160.62

6th Race #5 Not My Rodeo (Tr. C. DeLima) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga-VOID
#6 One Big Smile (Tr. B. McLean) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$1,880.19

7th Race No Changes; Refund \$2.40

8th Race #1 Candyinthemorning (Tr. B. McLean) claimed by tr. R. Hanson
Refund \$261.00

9th Race No Changes; Refund \$433.00

10th Race #4 Inner Fury (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
#9 Watershed Moment (Tr. R. Baltas) DNF
Refund \$3,482.30

02/16/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	11,462	917,963.21
SCOTWINC	3,097	1,053,344.10

OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,817,930.71
TOTAL	14,559	9,789,238.02

MONDAY
02/17/25¹

GAINES RULING (ref 02-14-25¹)

The following ruling was issued after a decision was made on the extent of the penalty.

LATS RULING #41

Trainer CARLA GAINES is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Rasing Board #1878 (Workouts – No seventy-two (72) hour pre-workout Veterinarian examinations) on November 14, 2024 at Santa Anita Park.

02/17/25²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #7 West Is West (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$1,275.29
- 2nd Race #5 Saltwater Cowboy (Tr. A. Saavedra) claimed by Tr. A. Garcia
Refund \$64.00
- 3rd Race #4 Maxwell St Blues (Tr. V. Trujillo) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$958.24
- 4th Race No Changes; Refund \$52.00
- 5th Race #4 C Her Beauty (Tr. I. Tamaro) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#5 Zafferana (Tr. M. Badilla) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$626.01
- 6th Race #4 Kimmer (Tr. G. Vallejo) Veterinarian-post parade-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$20,539.73
- 7th Race #1 Effective Gig (Tr. G. Preciado) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
#4 Bobby's Alibi (Tr. F. Taylor) claimed by Tr. S. Rivera
#7 RunninUte (Tr. D. W. Baker) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio
Refund \$432.40
- 8th Race #5 No Poking Around (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Stewards-full field
Refund \$1,031.32
- 9th Race #4 Sensational Z Z (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
#7 Robin's Tough Love (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by tr. J. Periban
Refund \$677.75
- 10th Race #9 Master Jacques (Tr.G. Papaprodromou) W. Antongeorgi replaced
A. Tomita (left country)
Refund \$1,577.10

02/17/25³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,731	907,969.11
SCOTWINC	2,093	734,845.76
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,284,263.57
TOTAL	10,824	7,927,078.44

SUMMARY

	Fri 02/14	Sat 02/15	Sun 02/16	Mon 02/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	1	2	8	62
Claims	2	3	3	4	12	61
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	2	14
Refunds	5	9	10	10	34	213
Rulings	1	0	2	1	4	41
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	11

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 02/10/25 TO 02/16/25

Horses on Vet List	20
Horses off Vet List	18
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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